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§5-3B-13.

- (a) Any adult or minor may be adopted under this subtitle.
- (b)
 - (1) Any adult may petition a court for adoption.
 - (2) If a petitioner is married, the petitioner's spouse shall join in the petition unless the spouse:
 - (i) is separated from the petitioner under a circumstance that gives the petitioner a ground for annulment or divorce;
 - (ii) is not competent to join in the petition; or
 - (iii)
 - 1. is a parent of the prospective adoptee; and
 - 2. has consented to the adoption in accordance with this subtitle.
- (c) Before a petition is filed under this subtitle, a petitioner shall move for, and a court shall order that, a case pending under Subtitle 3 of this title be closed.
- (d) If the marital status of a petitioner changes before entry of an order under this subtitle, the petitioner shall amend the petition accordingly.

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